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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/670,001	Applicant(s) BRANTH ET AL.	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Kevin C. Harper. (3) _____
(2) Darrell Kinder (Reg. No. 57,460). (4) _____

Date of Interview: 20 January 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Bare (US 6,456,597).

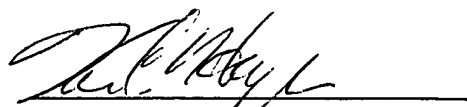
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative proposed an amendment to claim 1 to include the steps of incrementing and decrementing a count field as recited in claim 2. Examiner agreed that those limitations are not disclosed in Bare and was the reason why claim 2 was objected to in the previous office action. Examiner agreed that an after-final amendment to the independent claims including those limitations would be considered as allowable (depending on an updated search) and would not result in an advisory action for raising new issues which would require further search and/or consideration.